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Subject (in full) Re attached report by the Shanghai Fines on the John Thore case.

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In the July 23rd issue of the above newspaper, report appears which sets forth in detail the arrest of John Thorburn as witnessed by a Catholic priest residing at Henli Mr. W. J. Mills of the H.B.M. Consulate was interviewed regarding the veracity of the report, he stated that no such report had been made to the Consulate, but that the British Authorities were investigating the matter. Mr. Mills expressed doubt as to the report in view of the fact that 7 weeks have elapsed since the reported occurence took place. Officer i/c Special Branch.

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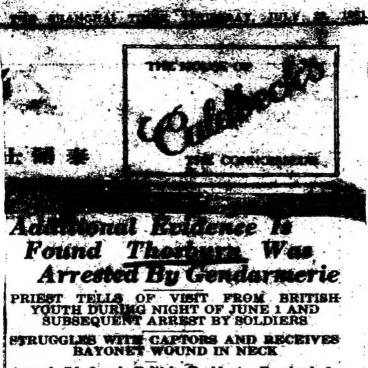
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Appeal Of Local British Residents Received In London; Roply Counts Back Stating Action Will Be Taken; Chinese Comment

"The Shanghai Times" is which to give additional indiaputable evidence of the distribution of Therburn 13 year-old British resident of Shanghai and Therburn in the year-old British resident of June 1 and, later, as which the vicinity of Quindian by Chinese military police. The evidence has been friends by a Catholic priest who actually shaltered Therburns on the night of June 1 and, later, as whim selzed by Chinese, solice and taken off to Quinight. The evidence also shows; that Thorburn broke away from his capters and dashed down the railway line where he was intercepted and again arrested after a struggle, during which he was would set in the neck by a bayonet carried by one of the sphiles. What happened to Thorburn after his second areast in a mystery which the entire foreign community of Shanghai is anxious to solve, with or without the aid of the Chinese

This further proof of Thorbury's arrest has come from a reliable source. The report given details of the arrest as actually wiressed by our informant, a Catholic pricet, who has since been against to Thorburn after he was taking away by the Chinece police in the direction of the Chinece police in the direction of the Chinece police in the direction of the Chinece police.

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Other witnesses examined by Mr. A. L. Scott, British Vice-Consul, have stated that Therburn had his arms tied behind his back and was taken by train from Quinsan to Soochow, witnesses also stated that Thorburn was seen in Soochow, wounded and, an unconfirmed report states, mutilated.

In the light of this fresh cylidence it appears beyond question that Thorburn was arrested by the Chinese military at Quinsan and was actually taken to the Quinsan railway, station where he was entrained for Soochow.

Another Pretest
In the meantime indignation in Shanghai is growing daily. The cabled protest signed by over 2,300 British residents has reached London where Mr. P. H. Crossely, formerly of Shanghai, who her cabled receipt of the protest, will see that it reaches the right quarters.

Still another national society has interested itself in the disappearance of Thorburn. Yesterday the Shanghai branch of the Ansa Society, consisting of local Australians and New Evaluaders, forwarded the following telegraphic protest to the British Prime Minister:

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